

REPORT OF CORPORATE DIRECTOR OF NEIGHBOURHOOD SERVICES

WEST AREA COMMUNITY SAFETY PLAN

1 SUMMARY

This report asks members to approve the West Area Community Safety Plan produced by contributions from all parties on the West Area Community Safety Partnership.

2 RECOMMENDATIONS

IT IS RECOMMENDED that:-

- the Committee adopt the attached Community Safety Action Plan for the West Area;
- the Committee ensures any future funds allocated to Community Safety in the West Area, demonstrate an alignment with the plan.

3 BACKGROUND

3.1 The West Area Community Safety group, at it's meeting in July 2005, agreed to develop a plan to tackle issues of crime and anti-social behaviour in the West Area.

3.2 The purpose of the plan was to identify Community Safety priorities and enable all partners to agree outcomes and targets which can be easily monitored.

3.3 An action plan seminar for community safety was organised by the area teams on 20 September 2005. A number of agencies were able to provide intelligence for the West Area on crime and anti-social behaviour. This information was used to determine and agree priorities. The main priorities identified from the seminar included:-

- Young Offenders
- Tenant and Resident Satisfaction
- Local Involvement in the Crime and ASB agenda
- Resident Involvement in the Regeneration of Broxtowe
- The Role of Education Services in contributing to Community Safety Issues
- Provision of Safe Open Spaces for Play
- Burglaries from Homes
- Drug and Alcohol Enforcement and Prevention
- Vehicle Crimes
- Arson Prevention
- Domestic Violence

- Criminal Damage

3.4 The attached document (appendix 1) is the latest draft of the West Area Community Safety Plan agreed by the Community Safety Working Group at its meeting in June 2006.

3.5 It is intended that a regular update report will be presented to the West Area Committee on the plan.

4 PROPOSALS

It is proposed the West Area Committee adopts the Community Safety Plan.

5 FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

Whilst there are no financial implications attached to this report, members may want to ensure that any future requests for funding to tackle community safety issues demonstrate alignment to the Community Safety Plan.

6 LEGAL IMPLICATIONS

None.

7 EQUAL OPPORTUNITIES IMPLICATIONS

Communities living with high levels of poverty and deprivation are statistically more likely to be affected by crime and ASB. The West Area Community Safety Action Plan aims to address many of the concerns that local communities have around community safety. Hence, the implementation of the plan will improve the quality of life of all residents in the West Area.

8 STRATEGIC AIMS

This report contributes towards the following strategic aims:-

- Ensuring Local Involvement in decision making
- Making Nottingham A Safer City
- Creating a more attractive place to live and work
- Improving the Health of Local People
- Maximising Leisure and Cultural Opportunities

9 BEST VALUE

The proposals in this report are intended to lead services being better targeted to meet the needs of the residents of each area, which will result in better value for money in qualitative terms.

10 List of background papers other than published works or those disclosing confidential or exempt information

The West Area Community Safety Seminar – 20 September 2005

Anti-social Behaviour Day – 15 July 2005

From Problems to Participation: Young people in the West Area of Nottingham - 2004

11 Published documents referred to in compiling this report

None.

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