

SOUTH CAMBRIDGESHIRE DISTRICT COUNCIL

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SOUTH CAMBRIDGESHIRE CRIME & DISORDER REDUCTION PARTNERHSIP ROLLING PLAN 2009-2012

Purpose

1. That Cabinet recommends to Council the adoption of the South Cambridgeshire Crime & Disorder Reduction Partnership (CDRP) Rolling Plan 2009-12. The Plan is a statutory document and needs to be in place by 1 April 2009. The Rolling Plan is attached in the **Appendix**.
2. This a key decision because
 - it is likely to result in the Council incurring expenditure which is, or the making of savings which are, significant having regard to the Council's budget for the service or function to which the decision relates.
 - it is likely to be significant in terms of its effects on communities living or working in an area of the District comprising two or more wards. The decision will affect the whole District and it was first published in the November 2008 Forward Plan.

Background

3. The Crime and Disorder Act (1998) made it a requirement for local agencies to work together, in Crime and Reduction Partnerships (CDRPs) to reduce crime and anti-social behaviour.
4. The South Cambridgeshire CDRP is made up of the following partners
Cambridgeshire Constabulary, South Cambridgeshire NHS Primary Care Trust, Cambridgeshire County Council, National Probation Service, Cambridgeshire Fire & Rescue Service, South Cambridgeshire District Council, Cambridgeshire Police Authority and Cambridgeshire and Peterborough Fire Authority. The CDRP brings additional value to the front-line work of the Police, bringing together a number of agencies whose day to day work also contributes to the wider and often more long-term picture of reducing crime.
5. Legislation requires the CDRP to produce a 3-year Rolling Plan, based on an annual Strategic Crime Assessment. This is the second such rolling plan to be written.
6. The Rolling Plan contains five priorities: (i) Reducing anti-social behaviour, (ii) reducing re-offending, (iii) reducing domestic violence, (iv) reducing burglary and (v) reducing vehicle crime, supported by three underlying themes of drug and alcohol misuse, involvement of young people and engaging with all communities. The CDRP agreed the priorities, themes and the content of the Rolling Plan at its meeting on 27 January 2009.

Considerations

7. The Rolling Plan is owned by the CDRP, and as a partner, the Council agrees to work with CDRP partners in achieving the aims and objectives of the Rolling Plan.
8. The production of the Rolling Plan has been co-ordinated by Council Officers, and includes contributions from CDRP partners and Council service areas. The drafting process also benefitted from the input of the Overview and Scrutiny Committee on 8 January 2009. Progress of the Plan and performance of the CDRP will be monitored and reported by Council Officers.
9. It should be noted that this Rolling Plan does not include every piece of work that each of the CDRP agencies contributes. Instead it aims to give a flavour of the wide range of actions that each of the partners will contribute to addressing the priorities set for the next three years, seeking to address underlying issues and adding value to frontline policing.
10. At the time of writing the CDRP is unable to set targets as it is still waiting on end of year crime figures. However, the content and approach of the targets have been agreed by the CDRP, and actual figures will be set and then monitored through the CDRP quarterly performance reports.

Options

11. By adopting the Rolling Plan, the Council as a statutory member of the CDRP will agree to actively contribute to the work to reduce crime in the District.
12. Should the Council decide to not adopt the document, the CDRP will be informed at its April 2009 meeting, and a new Rolling Plan will have to be negotiated, resulting in delay to the process which requires a Plan to be in place by 1 April 2008.

Implications

13. There are no major implications for the Council to consider.
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Financial	The Council provides funding for some of the CDRP projects and initiatives
Legal	The Rolling Plan meets the requirements of the Crime and Disorder Act 1998
Staffing	The Council contributes officer time to the work of the CDRP, as well as hosting two CDRP funded posts
Risk Management	
Equal Opportunities	

Consultations

15. The Rolling Plan was informed by the 2008 South Cambridgeshire CDRP Strategic Assessment which included (i) recent crime analysis, (ii) priorities emerging from Neighbourhood Panels during the last 12 months, and (iii) the results of a county wide public consultation (available in paper and web formats) conducted from 10 June to 12 September 2008, from which South Cambridgeshire received 540 responses from a total of 1649 across the County.

Effect on Annual Priorities and Corporate Objectives

16.	Affordable Homes	None
	Customer Service	None
	Northstowe and other growth areas	The CDRP has contributed to the planning application highlighting the priorities and themes in this Rolling Plan.
	Quality, Accessible Services	None
	Village Life	The Plan recognises the important role that communities, Neighbourhood Panels and Parish Councils play in reducing crime.
	Sustainability	None
	Partnership	The Council is a statutory partner and actively contributes to achieving the aims and objectives of the CDRP, particularly through co-ordination and monitoring.

Conclusions/Summary

17. This Rolling Plan builds on the work of the last year to reduce crime and anti-social behaviour in the District, and includes 90 projects on which partners will report progress to the CDRP during the year.

Recommendation

18. That Cabinet recommends to Council the adoption of the Crime & Disorder Reduction Partnership Rolling Plan 2009-12.

Background Papers: the following background papers were used in the preparation of this report:

South Cambs CDRP Strategic Assessment 2008

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