SOUTH CAMBRIDGESHIRE DISTRICT COUNCIL

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CRIME & DISORDER REDUCTION PARTNERSHIP ROLLING PLAN 2009-12

Purpose

1. The purpose of this report is to

- (a) inform the Committee of progress with the draft South Cambridgeshire Crime & Reduction Partnership Rolling Plan 2009-12, and
- (b) give the Committee an opportunity to ensure that the Rolling Plan addresses the recommendations made by the 2008 Strategic Assessment

Options

- 2. The Committee can either
 - (a) endorse this Rolling Plan and confirm it includes the recommendations made in the 2008 Strategic Assessment OR
 - raise its concerns with the CDRP, to outline any priorities highlighted in the 2008 Strategic Assessment not referred to in the Rolling Plan, making recommendations about how they could be addressed.
- 3. The matter under scrutiny is a key decision because it is likely to be significant in terms of its effects on communities living or working in all areas of the District and it was first published in the November 2008 Forward Plan.

Background

- 4. The South Cambridgeshire Crime and Disorder Reduction Partnership (CDRP) brings together a number of agencies that add value to the work of the Police to reduce crime and anti-social behaviour in the District. Legislation requires the CDRP to produce a 3-year rolling plan, revised annually. This is the second such rolling plan to be written.
- 5. The Rolling Plan is owned by the CDRP and is scheduled to be agreed by partners at its meeting on 27 January 2008. As a partner, the Council must adopt the document, and this is scheduled for Cabinet on 12 February 2009 and Council on 26 February 2009.
- 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 substance misuse, young people and community cohesion.

7. The plan outlines the planned approach for each priority, as well as a more detailed action plan of work that demonstrates the added value that partners bring in support of the frontline work led by the Police.

Considerations

8. Historically CDRP strategies relied solely on an annual audit and analysis of crime statistics. However, since 2008 the CDRP is required to produce a more detailed annual strategic assessment that as well as including the most recent District crime data and analysis, also takes into account local intelligence, concerns and priorities information. The 2008 South Cambridgeshire CDRP Strategic Assessment includes priorities emerging from Neighbourhood Panels during the last 12 months, as well as the results of a county wide public consultation conducted in the summer of 2008.

Implications

9.	Financial	None
	Legal	None
	Staffing	The CDRP employs an ASB Caseworker currently funded by external money. These funds are not guaranteed and the Council needs to be aware that funds would have to be found to cover this statutory post should funding cease.
	Risk Management	None
	Equal Opportunities	None

Consultations

10. A key part of the process was to ask residents what their key concerns and priorities are, so that they could be included in the Strategic Assessment, and addressed via the subsequent Rolling Plan. This differed from previous approaches were the consultation merely asked residents to endorse the draft rolling plan itself. A countywide consultation was carried out from 10 June to 12 September 2008, and was available in paper and web formats. South Cambridgeshire received 540 responses from a total of 1649 across the County.

Effect on Corporate Objectives and Service Priorities

11. Enhance quality of life and build a sustainable South Cambridgeshire where everyone is proud to live and work

The Rolling Plan contributes to this objective, seeking to reduce crime and antisocial behaviour and increase peoples feeling of being safe.

Conclusions/Summary

12. The Rolling Plan is scheduled to be adopted by the CDRP at its meeting on 28 January 2009. Partners will still have opportunity to make minor changes to the document before that date.

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- (a) endorse this Rolling Plan and confirm it includes the recommendations made in the 2008 Strategic Assessment OR
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Background Papers: the following background papers were used in the preparation of this report:

2008 South Cambridgeshire CDRP Strategic Assessment 2009-12 South Cambridgeshire DRAFT CDRP Rolling Plan

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