

**SOUTH CAMBRIDGESHIRE DISTRICT  
CRIME & DISORDER REDUCTION PARTNERSHIP**

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**SCRUTINY AND OVERVIEW COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATIONS**

**Purpose of this report**

1. To inform the CDRP Board of the recommendations made at the South Cambridgeshire District Council (SCDC) Scrutiny and Overview Committee meeting on Thursday 2 September 2010 and propose appropriate action.

**Background**

2. The Police and Justice Act 2006 requires SCDC to annually "review or scrutinise decisions made, or other action taken, in connection with the discharge by the responsible authorities of their crime and disorder functions".

**Recommendations made by Scrutiny and Overview Committee**

3. At the SCDC Scrutiny and Overview Committee meeting on 2 September 2010 the Committee recommended that:
  - (a) The Partnership record instances of domestic violence by area to ascertain if there is any geographic pattern to this offence.
  - (b) The Partnership continue to advise residents on how to keep their properties secure.
  - (c) The Partnership influence the rehabilitation process to help prevent reoffending.
  - (d) The Partnership encourage Neighbourhood Panels to meet in several locations in their administrative areas to ensure that they engage with all communities as well as possible.
  - (e) The Partnership encourage the Police to engage with Councillors and other community leaders with initiatives like the cancelled Councillors on patrol project.
  - (f) The Partnership improve the way in which important data is shared with Partners.
  - (g) The South Cambs magazine include an article addressing the fear of crime by showing the low crime figures when compared to situation nationally.

**CDRP response to recommendations**

4. Each recommendation made by the Committee will be addressed separately below.
  - (a) To be considered by the Southern Cambridgeshire Domestic Abuse Task Group. Data is currently analysed and resources focused accordingly.
  - (b) The Partnership continue to advise residents on home security through a variety of means including articles in South Cambridgeshire magazine, messages on South Cambridgeshire and Police websites and distribution of leaflets at neighbourhood panels and local events.

- (c) The CDRP is represented on the IOM strategic and working groups and is involved in shaping this countywide work.
- (d) Currently the public are consulted regarding the location of neighbourhood panel meetings, which are, arranged where appropriate venues can be identified. John Fuller, Community Engagement Manager has been made aware of the comments by Scrutiny Committee.
- (e) The Police continue to engage with Councillors and community leaders and involve them in initiatives to improve communication and the understanding of the work of the Police. Neighbourhood teams contact key individuals in each neighbourhood on a monthly basis and communicate through a variety of means including quarterly panel meetings, email and the force website. Operation Insight is an ongoing initiative open to elected representatives and other key individuals.
- (f) The revised Countywide Information Sharing Agreement should help improve data sharing between Partnership agencies.
- (g) An article will be placed in the Winter edition of the South Cambridgeshire magazine providing some context to levels of crime compared with other parts of the country.

### **Recommendations**

5. That the CDRP Board agrees the responses made by the Executive Group in response to the recommendations made by Scrutiny and Overview Committee.