

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

REPORT TO: South Cambs CDRP Board
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SOUTH CAMBS CDRP SERIOUS ACQUISITIVE CRIME TASK GROUP

1 Purpose

- 1.1 Proposal for the future of the South Cambs CDRP Serious Acquisitive Crime Task Group.

2 Background

- 2.1 The Serious Acquisitive Crime Task Group was set up in response to the adoption of Serious Acquisitive Crime as a priority in the CDRP Rolling Plan 2010-11. At the CDRP Board meeting on 25 October 2010 Burglary of Homes was adopted as a priority.
- 2.1 The group have had a successful year mainly due to the excellent financial support provided by the partnership, which has allowed us the flexibility to think outside the box when tackling criminality, and engaging with the public.
- 2.3 The group is currently structured to tackle all aspects of serious acquisitive crime with a wide range of partners contributing to reduction and detection.

3 Future Structure

- 3.1 The group met on 6th April 2011 to discuss their terms of reference and to clarify their particular partnership stance in the face of financial reduction.
- 3.2 It is apparent that the current structure would not be sustainable to tackle single issues such as Burglary and a new group may need to be formed if it was deemed appropriate.
- 3.3 It is uncertain if there will be any partnership funding available in the future to support reduction initiatives or enforcement activity. If there is no funding available then it needs to be considered if there would be any benefit in the task group meeting on a bi-monthly basis.
- 3.4 The partnership may need to take into consideration that crimes of this nature may be as a result of displacement in other areas and therefore a collaborative approach may provide a better solution on a case by case basis, more commonly referred to as a "task and finish" group.

4 Options

4.1 Option One

Remain as we are with a reduced attendance list but continue to meet on a bi-monthly basis. This would provide the partnership with the assurance that a task group sat underneath the objective but would struggle to impact in any given area due to financial constraints and lack of partner buy in.

4.2 Option Two

Close the group down completely and maintain a focus at CDRP level. This would put the emphasis at partnership level not dissimilar to other crime types with the added advantage that any emerging series can be adopted as a specific panel priority.

4.3 **Option Three**

As option two, but with the flexibility of the partnership being in a position to form a “task and finish” group if concerns were raised to crime levels or specific intelligence comes in concerning an individual or group. The benefit of this option is that it allows the flexibility to join any adjoining area group to tackle an emerging displacement.

5 Conclusion

5.1 It is apparent that the current structure will need to change in light of the changing priority.

5.2 The suggestion would be to only form a group should there be a clear business need rather than meeting regularly.

5.3 Either the County Review Team or Police would still provide the overview to the partnership as burglary will always remain a priority for the Constabulary.

6 Recommendation

6.1 CDRP Board members are recommended to note the contents of this report.

6.2 That option 3 is adopted by the CDRP Board.