

**Report to: Overview and Scrutiny Committee**

**Subject: Scrutiny of the Crime and Disorder.**

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## **1. PURPOSE OF THE REPORT**

To inform Members about the requirement of the Overview and Scrutiny Committee to scrutinise the local Community Safety Partnership (CSP), and to provide members with information about how the CSP it communicates with the public.

## **2. BACKGROUND**

Under the Police and Justice Act 2006, local authorities are required to have a Crime and Disorder Committee to scrutinise how the local Community Safety Partnership (CSP), is tackling crime and disorder for the benefit of the local community; looking at the work of the partnership as a whole rather than on the work of individual organisations represented on the partnership. These requirements were enacted by the Crime and Disorder (Overview and Scrutiny) Regulations 2009 which came into force for local authorities in England on 30 April 2009.

Under the Act the Committee can:

- Review or scrutinise decisions made, or other action taken, in connection with the discharge by the responsible authorities of their crime and disorder function
- Make reports or recommendations to the local authority with respect to the discharge of these functions
- Request information from the responsible authorities
- Require attendance of officer or employees or responsible authorities to answer questions or to provide information.

At the last meeting of the Overview and Scrutiny Committee Members learnt about current work undertaken by the CSP and raised concerns about how the

CSP communicates with the public, how it provides information about what it does, if it is meeting its targets and is making a difference. A report attached at **Appendix 1** outlines the changing landscape for community safety, the decline in funding and the necessity to consider its spending priorities.

### **3. RECOMMENDATION**

The Overview and Scrutiny Committee is recommended to:

- Use the report provided to inform discussion and consider if they require any further information.