

Report to: Overview and Scrutiny Committee

Subject: Scrutiny of Crime and Disorder Reduction Partnerships.

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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 Crime and Disorder Reduction Partnership.

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 Crime and Disorder Reduction Partnership (CDRP), 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.

Responsible authorities are

- The local authority
- The police force
- The police authority
- The fire and rescue authority
- The clinical commissioning group

The Overview and Scrutiny Committee serves as the Crime and Disorder Committee and meets on an annual basis to scrutinise the CDRP. Scrutiny of the CRDP will take place at the 7 December meeting. Councillor David Ellis, Portfolio Holder with responsibility for Crime Reduction and Community Safety, and Dave Wakelin, Corporate Director who has responsibility for Community Safety will attend this meeting to discuss the work of the partnership.

To assist Members with this scrutiny Dave Wakelin and Councillor Ellis are attending this meeting to provide Members with essential background information about how the partnership works and what they do.

Members are asked to consider any specific areas they would like to be addressed at the December meeting.

3. RECOMMENDATION

The Overview and Scrutiny Committee:

- consider the information provided
- discuss and agree the specific issues they would like to examine at the next meeting of the committee.