

Report to: Overview and Scrutiny Committee

Subject: Scrutiny of the Crime and Disorder Reduction Partnership.

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1. PURPOSE OF THE REPORT

To provide Members of the committee with the opportunity to consider the work undertaken by the Crime and Disorder Partnership to support victims of domestic violence and their families.

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.

At the last meeting of the Overview and Scrutiny Committee members learnt about the work of the Crime and Disorder Partnership. They identified work undertaken to raise awareness, increase reporting and detection, and support available for victims of domestic violence by the Partnership as areas for scrutiny at this meeting.

Councillor David Ellis, Portfolio Holder for Public Protection and David Wakelin will attend this meeting to present information and answer questions.

3. RECOMMENDATION

The Overview and Scrutiny Committee:

- use the information provided to inform questioning and discussion about the work undertaken by the Crime and Disorder Partnership to support victims of domestic violence.