

DECISION-MAKER:	SCRUTINY PANEL A		
SUBJECT:	POLICING IN THE 21 ST CENTURY WHITE PAPER		
DATE OF DECISION:	3 rd FEBRUARY 2011		
REPORT OF:	HEAD OF CORPORATE POLICY AND PERFORMANCE		
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STATEMENT OF CONFIDENTIALITY			
None			

SUMMARY

This is the panel's second meeting of 2010/11 to undertake its statutory function of scrutinising crime and disorder matters in Southampton.

At the meeting members will consider:

- The emerging issues and priorities for the Safe City Plan
- Progress of the Crime and Disorder Partnership Review
- An update of the local authority and police functions following the Police Reform and Social Responsibility Bill.

RECOMMENDATIONS: That the scrutiny panel:

- i) Considers the emerging issues and priorities for the Safe City Plan and discusses performance issues with representatives of the Safe City partnership. See **Appendix 1** Draft Safe City Plan 2011/12.
- ii) Notes progress of the Crime and Disorder Partnership Review.
See **Appendix 2** Safe City Partnership report: New ways of working: Reshaping the Partnership
- (iii) Notes the key impacts for the panel and the Safe City Partnership of the Police Reform and Social Responsibility Bill.

REASONS FOR REPORT RECOMMENDATIONS

1. To fulfil the statutory requirements relating to the scrutiny of crime and disorder matters in the city.
2. The role of this scrutiny panel may be affected by the Police Reform and Social Responsibility Bill, and the impending changes will impact on both key partners and the Safe City Partnership.

CONSULTATION

3. Views of residents on priority issues in their area and their perception of how well the council, police and partners tackle crime and anti-social behaviour are continuously sought by partners throughout the year. In addition, the Partnership developed a 'fast feedback form' to ask residents a specific set of questions at any local event or activity involving Safe City partners (124 community events in 12 months). There is also an annual City Residents' Survey and Police bi-monthly public survey. Collectively these activities let us know key issues and feed back how well we are doing to meet the needs of local people.

The draft Safe City Partnership Plan will be discussed at the Safe City

Partnership Performance Management Group on 27 January 2011; any changes that emerge will be verbally updated to the panel at the meeting.

ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS CONSIDERED AND REJECTED

3. None.

DETAIL

4. The Safe City Plan describes how the wide range of organisations and services in Southampton work together, in partnership with local residents, to tackle crime and anti-social behaviour.
5. Southampton is a safer city, with overall crime rates falling for 4 consecutive years and 3,750 less victims of crime in the last 12 months. The Safe City Partnership succeeded in meeting the local targets set against the top 3 priorities in last year's plan.
6. The plan looks back at what we said we would do last year and what we did achieve. It also looks forward to the year ahead and identifies key priorities and actions that will make the most of our collective effort and resources.
7. The draft Safe City Plan is attached as **Appendix 1** and members of the panel are asked to consider the performance, issues and priorities set out therein.
8. In view of the range of policy changes affecting crime reduction in the next year as a result of new government policy, the economic climate and local service changes, the Safe City Partnership will be under review over the next 12 months. In the meantime the Partnership has agreed to retain the scope of issues to reducing crime and anti-social behaviour.
9. **Appendix 2** is the Safe City Partnership report - New Ways of Working: Reshaping the Partnership. Members are asked to note the progress of the partnership review.
10. Following the 'Policing in the 21st century: Reconnecting Police and the People', in July 2010 the Police Reform and Social Responsibility Bill was presented to parliament on 30 November 2010. A police representative will be at the meeting to verbally update the panel on the emerging issues and implications.
11. This item will inform the scrutiny panel of any new developments from the bill so that members may be aware of the impending changes that may have an impact on the work of the panel, Southampton City Council and the Safe City Partnership.

FINANCIAL/RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS

Capital

12. Not applicable

Revenue

13. Cost implications of delivering actions within the Safe City Plan will be met through existing approved Southampton City Council and partner budgets.

Property

14. Not applicable

Other

15. None

LEGAL IMPLICATIONS

Statutory power to undertake proposals in the report:

16. Section 19 of the Police and Justice Act 2006 requires every local authority to have a crime and disorder committee with the power to review or scrutinise decisions made or other action taken in connection with the discharge by the responsible authorities of their crime and disorder functions.

Other Legal Implications:

17. None

POLICY FRAMEWORK IMPLICATIONS

18. Links to Safe City Plan.

SUPPORTING DOCUMENTATION

Appendices

1.	Draft Safe City Partnership Plan 2011 – 2012
2.	Safe City Partnership Report – ‘New ways of working: Reshaping the Partnership.’

Documents In Members’ Rooms

1.	None
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Background Documents

Title of Background Paper(s)	Relevant Paragraph of the Access to Information Procedure Rules / Schedule 12A allowing document to be Exempt/Confidential (if applicable)
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Background documents available for inspection at:

KEY DECISION No

WARDS/COMMUNITIES AFFECTED:	n/a
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