

<b>DECISION-MAKER:</b>	OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE		
<b>SUBJECT:</b>	LGA COMMUNITY SAFETY PEER CHALLENGE		
<b>DATE OF DECISION:</b>	12 JUNE 2014		
<b>REPORT OF:</b>	CABINET MEMBER FOR COMMUNITIES		
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<b>STATEMENT OF CONFIDENTIALITY</b>			
None			

### **BRIEF SUMMARY**

In February 2014 a Peer Review Team from the LGA were invited to assess the effectiveness of the city's approach to addressing community safety and youth offending. This report provides an overview of the findings of the Community Safety Peer Challenge and outlines the actions to be taken in response to the recommendations.

### **RECOMMENDATION:**

- (i) The Committee is requested to consider and note this report.

### **REASON FOR REPORT RECOMMENDATIONS:**

In response to a request for this item to be discussed at the OSMC meeting in June 2014.

### **ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS CONSIDERED AND REJECTED:**

None.

### **DETAIL:**

1. The Safe City Partnership faces the challenge of continuing to sustain effective partnership working in a climate of reduced resources and significant change. To help address these challenges, and to learn from best practice, the Safe City Partnership invited the Local Government Association (LGA) to undertake a Community Safety Peer Challenge of Community Safety and Youth Offending in Southampton from 25<sup>th</sup> - 28<sup>th</sup> February 2014.
2. The Peer Challenge is part of the benefits we receive from our membership of the LGA and involved an experienced team, including a Head of Community Safety, a Youth Justice Manager and a Detective Inspector

visiting the council and speaking with members of the Safe City Partnership, various groups of staff, councillors and partners.

3. The Peer Challenge feedback and recommendations are attached as Appendix 1. The report identifies a number of strengths and areas where improvements can be made and is structured around the following issues:
  - Community safety priorities and governance
  - Improving performance
  - Section 17 - leveraging greater contributions
  - Youth offending
  - Partnership capacity and finance.
4. In response to the recommendations the Safe City Partnership are currently developing an action plan and will be taking the findings into account in the development of the Safe City Strategy 2014/17, which is due to be completed in the autumn.

## **RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS**

### **Capital/Revenue:**

5. No implications at this stage

### **Property/Other:**

6. No implications at this stage

## **LEGAL IMPLICATIONS**

### **Statutory Power to Undertake Proposals in the Report:**

7. The duty to undertake overview and scrutiny is set out in Part 1A Section 9 of the Local Government Act 2000.

### **Other Legal Implications:**

8. None

## **POLICY FRAMEWORK IMPLICATIONS**

9. These will be defined as the work progresses.

### **KEY DECISION?**

No

### **WARDS/COMMUNITIES AFFECTED:**

All

## **SUPPORTING DOCUMENTATION**

### **Appendices :**

1.	LGA Community Safety Peer Challenge Final Report – This is NOT a confidential report
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**Documents In Members' Rooms:**

1.	None
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**Equality Impact Assessment:**

Do the implications/subject of the report require an Equality Impact Assessment (EIA) to be carried out?	No
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**Other Background Documents**

**Equality Impact Assessment and Other Background documents available for inspection at:**

Title of Background Paper(s)

Relevant Paragraph of the Access to Information Procedure Rules / Schedule 12A allowing document to be Exempt/Confidential (if applicable)

1.	None	
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