



- Finance  Oliver Winters
- Other Chief Officers
- District Councils
- Health Authority
- Police
- Other Bodies/Individuals  Michelle McHugh

***FINAL DECISION NO***

***SUGGESTED NEXT STEPS:***

Details to be specified

- Further consideration by this Committee
- To Council
- To Cabinet
- To an O and S Committee
- To an Area Committee
- Further Consultation

## Community Protection Overview and Scrutiny Committee

6<sup>th</sup> November 2006

### Corporate Business Plan Target Reviews

#### Report of the Strategic Director of Community Protection and County Fire Officer

##### **Recommendation**

That the Community Protection Overview and Scrutiny Committee gives consideration to the targets contained in the Corporate Business Plan 2006-2009 and relays its views on their appropriateness and any suggested improvement to Cabinet.

#### **1.0 Introduction**

- 1.1 The Corporate Business Plan was presented to Council on 27<sup>th</sup> June 2006 and it was *resolved "that the relevant overview and scrutiny committees be asked to consider the appropriateness and challenge of the targets and report back to Cabinet with any suggested improvements"*.
- 1.2 The targets from the Safer and Stronger Communities section (Appendix 1) of the Corporate Business Plan are presented for consideration by Members.

#### **2.0 Recommendation**

- 2.1 That the Community Protection Overview and Scrutiny Committee gives consideration to the targets contained in the Corporate Business Plan 2006-2009 and relays its views on their appropriateness and any suggested improvement to Cabinet.

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## 6.0 Safer and Stronger Communities

### 6.1 Background and context

The following key issues influence the County Council's priorities for safer and stronger communities:

#### The National Agenda

- Nationally, funding for community safety is now being directed through the Safer and Stronger Communities Fund, one of the blocks of Local Area Agreements
- Proposed reorganisation of structure and governance of Local Crime and Disorder Reduction Partnerships (CDRPs)
- Fire modernisation agenda and Integrated Risk Management Plans (IRMPs)
- Reorganisation of Police forces
- The broader approach to civil contingencies and emergency planning

#### What Matters to Local People

- Reducing crime and improving community safety
- Fear of crime generally has been falling, with the exception of fear of violent crime.
- Doorstep callers

#### Locally

The local agenda is driven by the Warwickshire Strategic Partnership Plan and LPSA2 targets which aim to:

- Address Antisocial behaviour
- Reduce crime through identifying hotspots
- Reduce the incidence of arson, targeting deliberate vehicle and property fires

### 6.2 WCC Medium Term Priorities

The County Council's Medium Term Priorities for Safer and Stronger Communities in Warwickshire are set out in the tables below:

<b>Reduce crime and the fear of crime through working in partnership to achieve safer communities</b>	<b>Aspirations</b>			
	The County Council will give leadership to partnership working at countywide level/ through effective contribution to Crime and Disorder Reduction Partnerships (CDRPs) at district level. The aim is to improve the sense of safety in the community, reflected in falling levels of fear of crime. Key steps will be developing an effective LAA for 2007 with partners, and within the County Council to develop our Crime and Disorder Reduction Strategy.			
	<b>To address this priority WCC will:</b>			
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Lead on those jointly agreed priorities that need to be tackled at a countywide level, particularly, Anti social behaviour, Domestic violence and Reducing crime</li> </ul>			
	<b>Key targets for WCC</b>		<b>2006/7</b>	<b>2007/8</b>
Reduce total crime in Warwickshire by 15% by 2008 (CHI, LPSA2)		40,570	38,856	38,856

	Reduce % residents worried about crime (CHI)	52%	50%	50%
	Reduce young offenders re-offending within 12 months (CHI, LPSA2)	37%	35%	33.3%
	Other targets <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Achieve 100% of key actions in the Antisocial Behaviour Strategy in year to March 2007</li> </ul>			

<b>Reduce the risk, incidence and effect of fire and non-fire emergencies</b>	<b>Aspirations</b>				
	The Council's aspirations are for an effective, well-managed service which discharges its core fire safety function to prevent fires and non-fire emergencies, and takes on an enhanced community role working in partnership with stakeholders. It will continue to reduce risk to the community through the implementation of annual IRMP action plans.				
	<b>To address this priority WCC will:</b>				
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Work in partnership with other agencies, to reduce risk in Warwickshire in line with the fire and rescue national framework 2006/08.</li> <li>Reduce the number of deliberate fires, particularly targeting vehicle and property fires</li> </ul>				
	<b>Key targets for WCC</b>		<b>2006/7</b>	<b>2007/8</b>	<b>2008/9</b>
	Reduction in number of deliberate fires (per 10,000 population) (CHI) (LPSA2)		34.99	34.12	33.24
	Number of injuries in accidental dwelling fires (per 100,000) (CHI)		3.43	3.3	3.2
Other targets are <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Implement the year 3 IRMP action plan by March 2007</li> <li>Fire safety education delivered to 100% of primary schools and 75% of secondary schools by March 2007</li> </ul>					

### 6.3 Specific WCC Directorate Contributions

To support all these priorities the Community Protection directorate will:

- Review and implement a revised WCC Community Safety Strategy by March 2007
- Prepare and present a revised Integrated Risk Management Plan 2007-2010 by March 2007
- Identify and implement changes that will enable the Fire and Rescue Service to achieve an improved CPA score by the next refresh date
- Improve the effectiveness of WCC contribution to reducing crime and the fear of crime in Warwickshire