AGENDA MANAGEMENT SHEET

Name of Committee	**Community Safety Overview and Scrutiny Committee**
Date of Committee	**19 July 2005**
Report Title	**Report of Departmental Contributions to WCC Crime and Disorder Reduction Strategy**
Summary	This report provides an overview of the service objectives currently being implemented through each Departmental Business Plan of the County Council in order to contribute to WCC's Crime and Disorder Reduction Strategy and which also relate to the Corporate Objective of : To reduce crime and improve the safety of the community'.

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Would the recommended decision be contrary to the Budget and Policy Framework?	No
Background papers	Departmental Business Plans 2005/6

CONSULTATION ALREADY UNDERTAKEN:-   Details to be specified

Other Committees	☐	
Local Member(s)	☐	
Other Elected Members	☐	....
Cabinet Member	☐	....
Chief Executive	☐	....
Legal	☐	....
Finance	☐	....
Other Chief Officers	☐	....
District Councils	☐	....

Health Authority	☐	....
Police	☐	....
Other Bodies/Individuals	☐	....
FINAL DECISION	**_NO_**	
SUGGESTED NEXT STEPS:	Details to be specified	
Further consideration by this Committee	☐	....
To Council	☐	....
To Cabinet	☐	....
To an O & S Committee	☐	....
To an Area Committee	☐	....
Further Consultation	☐	....

Community Safety Overview and Scrutiny Committee

19 July 2005

Report of Departmental Contributions to WCC Crime and Disorder Reduction Strategy

Report of the County Solicitor and Assistant Chief Executive

Recommendation

That the Committee endorses the current departmental contributions towards the WCC Crime and Disorder Reduction Strategy and recommends that future departmental Business Plans consider further improvements to these contributions for 2006/7

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1. Introduction

1.1 Following the Cabinet's approval of the County Council's Crime and Disorder Reduction Strategy, new structures, processes and increased capacity for delivery have been put in place.

1.2 In order to assess the current contribution of County Council Departments towards the implementation of the Strategy, departments have included the County Council's objective of 'Reducing crime and improving safety' within their Business Plans for 2005/6.

1.3 This report considers the contributions as documented by Departments

2. New structures, processes and capacity

2.1 The County Council is responsible for many services that can make a significant contribution to tackling crime and disorder.

2.2 An officer sub-group of the Social Inclusion Network group has been established to co-ordinate the work across the whole organisation, consisting of representatives of all departments. These representatives act as Community Safety 'champions' within their departments, co-ordinating work on the seven priorities and also ensuring that the County Council engages effectively with Crime and Disorder Partnerships (CDRPs).

2.3 Staffing has also been reorganised to ensure a County Council link officer dedicated to each Crime and Disorder Reduction Partnership – post covering North Warwickshire and Nuneaton and Bedworth, another covering Warwick and Stratford and a half post to cover Rugby, There is also now a post in the centre covering county-wide issues. The postholders will sit on the sub-group and will work with departmental champions to ensure that appropriate staff are engaged on the seven priorities and in the work of the five CDRPs

3. Background

3.1 The Warwickshire County Council Crime and Disorder Reduction Strategy was agreed by Cabinet on 14 October 2004, and set out how the County Council will contribute to the objective of reducing crime and disorder in Warwickshire.

3.2 Local consultations have shown consistently that crime and disorder is high on the public's agenda and has been identified as a priority in the Strategic Plan for Warwickshire 2002-2005 and is one of the Council's six objectives: 'Reducing Crime and improving safety'.

3.3 Section 17 of the Crime and Disorder Act 1998 requires the County Council to 'exercise all its functionswith due regard to how crime and disorder can be prevented'

3.4 The 1998 Act also designates the County Council as one of the 'Responsible Authorities' that are charged with the task of working in Crime and Disorder Reduction Partnerships at District level to produce local Strategies.

4. Key approaches

4.1 We can contribute to the reduction of crime and disorder through the following approaches:
- Focusing on priorities - focusing on a number of key priorities derived from an analysis of crime and disorder statistics and agreement with our partners
- Co-ordinating action – bringing together resources at the right place and time
- Harnessing our potential – recognising the potential of each County Council function and ensuring that potential is used effectively
- Ensuring commitment – ensuring that elected members, managers and appropriate staff are committed to making it work effectively

- Working effectively with partners – developing more effective ways to engage with our partners both at county-wide level on issues affecting the county as a whole and at district level through Crime and Disorder Reduction Partnerships

5. Seven Priority Themes

5.1 These five key approaches will be applied through seven priority themes and through developing our structures and processes and our capacity to deliver.

5.2 The seven priorities are derived from an analysis of crime and disorder statistics and from priorities agreed with partners through the Warwickshire Community Safety Partnership and Drug Action Team and the five district-based Crime and Disorder Reduction Partnerships.

5.3 The priorities also take account of those aspects of crime and disorder where the County Council has particular skills, resources or capacity to make an impact. These priorities will be reviewed annually to ensure that they continue to reflect need.

5.4 The seven priorities are:
- Prolific and priority offenders
- Alcohol-related violence
- Focus on high crime areas
- Young people as victims and offenders
- Drug-related crime
- Liveability
- Victims of crime/fear of crime

5.5 These priorities form the main thrust of the County Council's approach to crime and disorder reduction, but we will also provide support to our Crime and Disorder Reduction Partnerships on other initiatives where we can assist in a support role.

6. Departmental Contributions in Business Plans to Seven Priorities

6.1 All Departments were requested to include reducing crime and disorder in their Business Plans for 2005/6. The following objectives and actions have been included in relevant plans set within the seven priorities:

6.2 Prolific and priority offenders

Dept	Activities
Chief Exec - YOT	Lead role in the Prevent and Deter strand of the Prolific and Other Priority Offenders strategy
Treasurers	Technical support for Probation Provision of a treasurer

6.3 Alcohol-related violence

Dept	Activities
LHTS	Support Council's focus on decreasing alcohol-related crime through enforcing the ban on underage purchasing of alcohol Carry out enforcement on underage purchasing of cigarettes and alcohol

6.4 Focus on high crime areas

Dept	Activities
PTES	Engage with strategic partners over sharing of information/data
Social services	Contribute to development of Information Sharing and Assessment (ISA) arrangements in Warwickshire; support the review of information sharing protocols; support the local implementation of Ryogens as part of the ISA agenda Data sharing strategy developed particularly with PCTs with relevant data controls and protocols
Education	Information sharing, monitoring and initiating support or intervention for school provision for SEN and inclusion. Information on any schools giving cause for concern informs the wider school intervention planning in the School Effectiveness Service To develop, implement and monitor a strategic and integrated systems approach to knowledge, information and data management
Fire and Rescue	To continue working on local crime and Disorder Panels and Area Committees in order to develop locally delivered projects with the aim of reducing the incidence of fire (deliberate and accidental) and other emergencies in the community
Chief Execs – Community Safety	Implement the County Council's Crime and Disorder Reduction Strategy and action plan to reduce crime and the fear of crime and to co-ordinate the Council's contribution to reducing crime and disorder Contribute effectively to the implementation of the five Crime and Disorder Reduction Strategies to ensure WCC 7 priorities included in all 5 CDRP Strategies

6.5 Young people as victims and offenders

Dept	Activities
Education	To improve pupil's attitude to learning, behaviour and attendance in order to maximise the achievements of all pupils To improve the progress and attainment of pupils in Key Stage 4 To ensure pupils make the best possible transition from primary to secondary school To improve the quality of education for Personal Social development (PSD) in Warwickshire schools Raising achievements of black and ethnic minority pupils to minimise disadvantage and raise attainments Raising the capacity of schools to meet diverse needs to ensure schools become more inclusive Supporting school to achieve good behaviour and providing alternative provision for those pupils either permanently excluded or at risk of exclusion, ensuring provision of full-time education for permanently excluded pupils; Ensure appropriate education and support is provided for looked after children; children with disabilities; excluded pupils; teenage mums and pregnant school girls; sick children; children with no school placement; travellers' children; asylum seekers in order to improve the educational outcomes and destinations of all vulnerable children County Plan for implementing the Children's Bill Developing 7 children's centres; increasing childcare places particularly in disadvantaged and rural areas; develop district parenting forums; ensure accessible information for families Designing, developing and delivering Family Learning Literary and Numeracy for parents to assist their personal development and through that, their children's attainment especially with families of learners from black and ethnic minority communities 'Transforming Youth Work' agenda designed to raise standards and increase capacity through Youth Work plan Develop parenting support initiatives for parents of non-attending pupils and those at risk of permanent exclusion Develop management process for Missing Children Database awareness raising within schools

Fire and Rescue	Review our range of prevention, education and developmental services for young people; identify areas where the service can develop and improve whilst ensuring targeting at the appropriate groups Develop a business case for a Community Fire Station as a model for the delivery of community safety services at a local level Review, develop and implement a 'Working with Young People' strategy to reflect the corporate aims of WCC and WFRS in line with national guidance by Oct 2005
Chief Execs – YOT/PaYP	Prevent offending through PaYP and CHARM Reduce the number of young people entering the Criminal Justice system Reduce the numbers of young people excluded and/or absent from school Intervene early Provide intensive community supervision Reduce the number of use of custody Reduce reoffending Ensure the swift administration of justice Ensure effective and rigorous assessment Support young people engaged in education, training and employment Support access to mental health services Support access to appropriate accommodation Support parenting interventions Provides effective restorative justice services Mediation with victims Supporting independent living Prevent Anti-Social behaviour Orders where possible but where necessary provide support
Treasurers	Technical support for the Youth offending Team

6.6 Drug-related crime

Dept	Activities
Chief Execs – Drug Action team	Deliver the key objectives of the Drug Action Team – adult and young people who are users, provided with treatment for adult and young people and have in place Drug Treatment and Testing Orders for those assessed as suitable. Support access to substance misuse services

6.7 Liveability

Dept	Activities
PTES	Increasing/improving street lighting to reduce crime, fear of crime and casualties Town centre and market town improvement schemes Regeneration projects including Pride in Camp Hill project + delivering other projects in the Coventry and Nuneaton regeneration Zone Increasing the employment and training opportunities for the most disadvantaged and hard to reach groups and support new businesses and quality jobs in Nuneaton and Bedworth Progress Rugby Business Improvement District (BID) and extend the concept to further town centres and to industrial estates Enhance the environment of our towns and streets to benefit the health, social and economic vitality of our communities including the Better Brownsover Study by working with the local community to implement key neighbourhood improvements Engage with strategic partners over sharing of information/data
Property Services	Designing out crime (crime reduction by including crime prevention issues in design stage)

6.8 Victims of crime/fear of crime

Dept	Activities
Social Services	Further develop vulnerable adult policy and practice; support multi-agency policy development and revise SSD procedures Strengthen the range of family support services as part of the contribution to the work of Children Act project team; evaluating family support services Develop additional and alternative housing related support schemes through the Supporting People programme to enhance the opportunities and choice available to vulnerable people Zero tolerance for any form of hate crime – harassment, bullying, verbal abuse and assault because of someone's race or religion or because someone is lesbian, gay, bisexual or transgender – by supporting the Police Authority-led initiative 'True Vision'
Education	To encourage the reporting of racist incidents and taking appropriate action following detailed monitoring and evaluation Lead on County anti-bullying agenda

LHTS	Support WCC and other agencies in policing and crime reduction through active promotions and awareness raising Police actively using library sites and facilities Police officers on mobile libraries Enforce legislation to tackle doorstep trading and build referral mechanisms to other agencies such as Social services Reduce rogue or problem business activity using Enterprise Act powers Support the Council's work to address the fear of crime through public reassurance and information provision through Libraries and Trading Standards by improving access to services; helping consumers help themselves; and providing opportunities for vulnerable groups to learn about consumer issues
Fire and Rescue	Co-ordinate and manage implementation of measures to reduce the risk to firefighters from acts of aggression by June 2005
Chief Execs	Develop and deliver action plans for the management of key county-wide initiatives such as Anti-Social Behaviour Strategy and Domestic Violence Strategy

7. Conclusion

7.1 All departments have included reducing crime and disorder into their Business Plans in different ways (except for CAMS whose Business Plan does not include this objective this year)

7.2 Some departments have specifically included activities under the corporate objective of 'Reducing crime and improving safety' but others have included activities under many different headings requiring research to locate.

7.3 The corporate Crime and Disorder Reduction group will discuss further improvements to their Business Plans in order to better address crime and disorder reduction in subsequent Business Plans and report back to Members at a future meeting.

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