

27 July 2010	ITEM 4
<b>Cleaner, Greener and Safer Overview and Scrutiny Committee</b>	
<b>Community Safety Partnership Scrutiny Responsibilities</b>	
<b>Report of:</b> Cllr G Rice, Portfolio holder for Crime and Disorder	
<b>Wards and communities affected:</b> All	<b>Key Decision:</b> No
<b>Accountable Head of Service:</b> Lucy Magill, Head of Public Protection	
<b>Accountable Director:</b> Bill Newman, Director Sustainable Communities	
<b>This report is public</b>	
<b>Purpose of Report:</b> To provide the overview and scrutiny with information in regards to their duties towards the Thurrock Community Safety Partnership (TCSP)	

## **EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

Crime and Disorder partnerships, which from April 2010 are known as Community Safety Partnerships, were created by the Crime and Disorder Act 1998 to develop and implement strategies to reduce crime and disorder. They exist to ensure that the following prescribed responsible authorities work together to jointly agree and deliver community safety priorities:

- The Local Authority (Cllr Rice and Bill Newman)
- The Police force (Superintendent Ivor Harvey, chair of TCSP)
- The Police Authority (Cllr Herd)
- The Fire and Rescue Authority (Cllr C Kent and Mick Osborne)
- The Primary Care Trust (Mark Ansell)

In addition we have a variety of other partners who are members of the board including community, voluntary and business representatives.

The TCSP three year strategy for 2008/11 has 4 priorities:

- To reduce incidents of crime, anti-social behaviour and disorder
- To bring extra support and protection for the vulnerable
- To reduce death and injury caused through accidents and fires
- To create a safe community by promoting tolerance and good citizenship

## **1. RECOMMENDATIONS:**

**The committee agrees that as a minimum its role is to:**

- 1.1 Consider Councillor Calls for Action**
- 1.2 Consider actions undertaken by the responsible authorities within the CSP**
- 1.3 Make reports and recommendations to the Local Authority and responsible partners with regard to those functions.**
- 1.4 Develop a work programme in consultation with the CSP on the list of issues of local concerns it wishes to cover during the year, for example Anti-social behaviour.**

## **2. INTRODUCTION AND BACKGROUND:**

- 2.1 Section 19 of the Police and Justice Act 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.
- 2.2 All authorities will need to create, or designate a crime and disorder committee to deal with crime and disorder scrutiny.
- 2.3 CSP's are currently subject to four main elements of performance framework, however much of this is now under review:
  - 2.3.1 National public service agreements measured through National indicators
  - 2.3.2 Local area Agreement
  - 2.3.3 Comprehensive Area Assessment
  - 2.3.4 Place based survey
- 2.4 In order to identify and deliver on priorities which matter most to the local communities CSP's have a standard of hallmarks which include
  - 2.4.1 Preparing a strategic assessment annually to identify priorities
  - 2.4.2 Producing a partnership plan to address the priorities
  - 2.4.3 Undertaking community consultation and engagement on crime and disorder issues
  - 2.4.4 Sharing information among the responsible authorities

2.5 Scrutiny can take a variety of different approaches; 4 areas to consider are:

- 2.5.1 Policy development through task and finish group
- 2.5.2 Contribution to development of strategies
- 2.5.3 Holding representatives to account at formal hearings
- 2.5.4 Examination of the performance of the partnership

### **3. CONCLUSION**

- 3.1 These new provisions will enable Councillors to bring their unique perspective, including involvement of local people, to bear on how Thurrock Community Safety Partnership is tackling crime and disorder for the benefit of the residents of Thurrock.
- 3.2 The TCSP welcomes the opportunity for external scrutiny and the value that it will add, particularly in areas of neighbourhoods, building confidence and criminal justice.
- 3.3 We would like to invite this committee to work with us on the development of our next strategy and the strategic priorities within it, which is planned for March 2011.

### **BACKGROUND PAPERS USED IN PREPARING THIS REPORT:**

- National Support Framework; Delivering Safer and Confident Communities: Guidance for the Scrutiny of Crime and Disorder Matters 2009

### **APPENDICES TO THIS REPORT:**

- National Support Framework; Delivering Safer and Confident Communities: Guidance for the Scrutiny of Crime and Disorder Matters 2009
- Thurrock Community Safety Partnership Strategy 2008/11 (executive summary, full document is available on our web site [www.shapingthurrock.org.uk/safer](http://www.shapingthurrock.org.uk/safer))
- Partnership structure

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