

<b>15 March 2011</b>		<b>ITEM 6</b>
<b>Cleaner, Greener and Safer Overview and Scrutiny Committee</b>		
<b>Thurrock Community Safety Partnership Strategy 2011/14</b>		
<b>Report of:</b> Councillor Gerard Rice, Portfolio Holder for Crime and Disorder		
<b>Wards and communities affected:</b> All	<b>Key Decision:</b> Yes: The priorities set out in this strategy will determine how we spend our community safety funding	
<b>Accountable Head of Service:</b> Lucy Magill, Head of Public Protection		
<b>Accountable Director:</b> Bill Newman, Corporate Director, Sustainable Communities		
<b>This report is</b> Public		
<b>Purpose of Report:</b> To inform the Committee of the priorities and strategy for the Community Safety Partnership for the years 2011/14		

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**EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

This strategy sets out how we will support Thurrock Council's ambition to change peoples lives for the better and how we deliver on the strategic objective to ensure a safe, clean and green environment.

We Will:

- ❖ Help people to feel safe and be safe
- ❖ Reduce crime – particularly alcohol fuelled and domestic abuse

The priorities for the Thurrock Community Safety Partnership for 2011/14 are to:

1. Reduce Anti-social Behaviour
2. Improve community safety through Education, Engagement and Prevention
3. Reduce re-offending
4. Reduce Serious Crime and Domestic Abuse
5. Tackle Hate crime (race, disability, sexual orientation and religion)

Underpinning these priorities is a way of working which will:

- Ensure that we safeguard young people
- Ensure that we safeguard vulnerable adults
- Build confidence in communities to report crime and anti-social behaviour
- Performance manage across all crimes responding through task and finish groups to emerging issues, which currently includes the Olympics

- Develop community mapping and identify emerging tensions

**1. RECOMMENDATION:**

1.1 That the overview and scrutiny committee agree with the priorities set out by the Thurrock Community Safety Partnership and the stated objectives to ensure delivery.

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**2. INTRODUCTION AND BACKGROUND:**

2.1 The success of Thurrock's crime and disorder strategy for 2008-11 means that there are now fewer victims of crime in Thurrock than there were 3 years ago. This strategy sets out our priorities and plans to continue to reduce crime in Thurrock.

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2.2 Whilst being proud of our achievements we know that there is still more to do. We need to sustain these achievements, whilst managing with fewer resources. We also need to improve the confidence of our residents so that they feel safer. To do this we need to:

- o Engage with local communities effectively so that we are aware of their local concerns
- o Work closely with residents to address problems swiftly and effectively
- o Communicate effectively about the work we are doing and the outcomes we will achieve
- o Build on existing links with local groups to address issues, in particular with race, lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender (LGBT), disabled and gender.

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1. a brief summary of options considered;
2. consultation outcomes
3. a risk assessment.
4. Whether the responsible cabinet members have been consulted/contributed to the report (NB professional and political advice must be clearly distinguished)

2.3 In development of this strategy we have set out the vision for how we will deliver on national and local priorities around community safety. National priorities are Anti-social behaviour, rehabilitating and reforming those who commit crime, ending violence against women, and tackling gang-related violence.

- See para.5.5 of the report writing guidelines.

2.4 We have reflected National priorities locally by committing to reduce anti-social behaviour, reducing re-offending, implementing the violence against women strategy and continuing to prevent and tackle serious youth violence. In addition our strategy aims to prevent and tackle the local issue of hate crime.

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**3. ISSUES AND/OR OPTIONS:**

3.1 Risks to this strategy are fully outlined in Section 14.

**4. CONSULTATION (including Overview and Scrutiny, if applicable)**

4.1 This strategy has been driven by our strategic assessment which included consultation with community groups.

- 4.2 The priorities and strategy have been circulated to stakeholders of our partnership, community groups and limited number of residents. All comments received to date have been incorporated or a reason given as to why not.
- 4.3 Our priorities will be further consulted with members of the public at our meet the people event on 24<sup>th</sup> February.
- 4.4 All consultation carried out to date has highlighted community concerns as anti-social behaviour and a lack of confidence to report hate crime.

**5. IMPACT ON CORPORATE POLICIES, PRIORITIES, PERFORMANCE AND COMMUNITY IMPACT**

- 5.1 This strategy has been developed to deliver on the corporate priorities of safer, cleaner and greener.
- 5.2 A full EIA has been completed to assess community impact.
- 5.3 It is in line with corporate performance measures

**6. IMPLICATIONS**

**6.1 Financial**

Implications verified by: **Michael Jones**  
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The changes to the Community Safety Fund over the next 3 years will impact on the ability to deliver areas of this strategy. Financial consideration has been given in setting our priorities.

We have a clear funding policy which we will adhere to ensure that we prioritise spend against our priorities and deliver value for money.

**6.2 Legal**

Implications verified by: **Jamie Hollis**  
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This strategy complies with the legal requirements for our Partnership. We have identified any risks to the strategy within the legalities section of the risks.

**6.3 Diversity and Equality**

Implications verified by: **Samson DeAlyn**  
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**sdealyn@thurrock.gov.uk**

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The Equalities Act 2010 extended the duty to eliminate discrimination in public service delivery. The Partnership will review and publish Equality Impact Assessments toward its strategy and action plans annually.

This strategy has been subject to an equality impact assessment and the key findings from this assessment are that Hate crime against marginalised members of our community is acknowledged as under reported. Statistical evidence versus specialist group information from surveys indicates that there is considerable under reporting due to lack of confidence, lack of appropriate response, fear of repercussions of reporting, or lack of knowledge of where to report.

The actions identified within this assessment are all within the implementation actions in this strategy. As action plans develop they will also be assessed and we will review the EIA action plan annually.

6.4 **Other implications (where significant) – i.e. Section 17, Risk Assessment, Health Impact Assessment, Sustainability, IT, Environmental**

This strategy delivers on the Partnership responsibilities towards Section 17 or the Crime and Disorder Act.

7. **CONCLUSION**

7.1 The priorities set out in this strategy are clearly informed by partner agency data and through public and community group consultation.

7.2 The strategy has been signed off by the Thurrock Community Safety Partnership Board which is chaired by Superintendent Ivor Harvey of Essex Police who says in his forward “This Strategy aims to build on our current success whilst ensuring that we deliver value for money and meet community needs. I look forward to continuing to with our responsible partners; Essex Police Authority, Thurrock Council (including Youth Offending Service (YOS)), Essex Fire and Rescue Service, South West Essex Primary Care Trust and Essex Probation Trust. Functioning as a partnership means working together at the very highest level to determine our strategy for Thurrock as well as responding at a neighbourhood level to the issues raised by local residents.

The purpose of this strategy is to form the basis for the partnership to ensure delivery of services that meet the needs of the community of Thurrock. It will also enable individual partnership members to understand their respective roles in supporting delivery across a range of services and to share appropriate information between agencies.”

Comment [sj]: This should inform the recommendations in the report

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

- Strategic assessment 2009/10
- Thurrock Community Safety Strategy 20011/14
- Equality Impact Assessment for TCSP Strategy

Comment [sj]: See Guideline 8. If any Papers are to be placed in the Members room that relate to this report, you should also list them here

**APPENDICES TO THIS REPORT:**

- Thurrock Community Safety Strategy 20011/14

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