

SAFER AND STRONGER COMMUNITIES SCRUTINY COMMITTEE

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COMMUNITY SAFETY PARTNERSHIPS NEW THREE YEAR ROLLING STRATEGIES

Report by Chief Fire Officer

INTRODUCTION

1. The Crime & Disorder Act 1998 (and subsequent amendments) requires the county council (including Fire and Rescue Services), district councils, the police, police authority, probation and primary care trusts as “responsible authorities” to work in partnership to reduce crime and disorder in their local area.
2. These partnerships are the four Community Safety Partnerships (CSPs) of Vale of White Horse and South Oxfordshire, Cherwell, Oxford City and West Oxfordshire.
3. Working together, each CSP is required to produce three year, rolling community safety strategies to tackle crime and disorder. The county council, as one of the responsible authorities, must be represented on the CSPs and must contribute, through its wide range of services, to delivering the strategies and associated action plans. It is also required, along with the other responsible authorities, to agree and publish the strategies.
4. The 2011-14 three-year rolling Community Safety Strategies aim to address crime, anti-social behaviour and the fear of crime. Priorities reflect national and local concerns, including issues raised in consultation with local people.
5. Priorities were also identified following the 2010 Strategic Intelligence Assessment, which replaced the three year community safety audits and which was carried out jointly with the police.
6. The strategies show how the CSPs will work towards tackling priorities. The implementation of the strategies will be reviewed annually, and will involve consulting communities and informing them of progress towards achieving strategy objectives.
7. The strategies have been signed off by the CSPs and, for the first time this year have adopted a common framework with three key overarching aims:
 - i) Communities harmed by crime and anti-social behaviour
 - ii) Victims and those at risk of becoming a victim
 - iii) Offenders and those at risk of offending

RECOMMENDATION

Community Safety Scrutiny Committee is recommended to note and comment on the Community Safety Partnership strategies for 2011-14.

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Background papers: Summary paper and 4 Community Safety Partnership strategies

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