

**REPORT OF CRIME AND DISORDER
PORTFOLIO PERFORMANCE AND REVIEW PANEL**

(Meeting held 14 November 2000)

1. TERMS OF REFERENCE (REPORT A) (MINUTE NO. 7)

In noting the terms of reference of portfolio performance and review panels, the Panel highlighted the need to start identifying all agencies working on crime and disorder functions in the Forest and to start seeking greater co-ordination of effort to reduce overlapping activity.

2. TRAINING EVENT (MINUTE NO. 8)

It was agreed that two training sessions should be arranged to acquaint Members with the Council's role in crime and disorder. The first, on Tuesday, 12 December 2000, would concentrate of the Council's duties and powers, the role played by other partner organisations, the strategies which have been developed and key issues for the future. In the second, to be held in the hour before the next ordinary meeting of the Panel, on Tuesday, 16 January 2001, key partners would share their experience of their role within the context of the partnership.

3. ROLE OF PORTFOLIO PERFORMANCE AND REVIEW PANELS IN BEST VALUE (REPORT B)(MINUTE NO. 9)

The Panel considered a detailed report which set out the revised best value review process and the role that the Performance and Review Panels might play.

It was noted that crime prevention had been selected as the first cross-cutting best value review and would be carried out in Year 1. The Panel appointed Cllrs Shand and Tipp to represent the Panel in the best value review of the crime prevention function.

4. MAJOR POLICY ISSUES (REPORT C) (MINUTE NO. 10)

Members expressed their disappointment that the Panel would not be able to play an active part in scrutinising the bid to be submitted to the Home Office for the installation of closed circuit television in selected town and village centres in the District. They were advised of the extensive consultation processes and technical evaluation procedures which had been used to make sure that the proposed installation met the practical needs of those communities. The CCTV system which was proposed represented a very large bid and would have to be prioritised, with the control centre and two or three of the most urgent town and village centres in the first tranche. The Home Office provided up to 85% of the capital cost.

The Council was seeking additional sources of funding for both the capital and revenue costs, working particularly with potential beneficiaries of the scheme, and local councils.

The Panel was advised that, should the first stage of the bid be successful, the Council would be invited to submit more detailed, technical, supporting documentation. The Panel would have the opportunity to play a more active role at that stage.

It was agreed that Members of the Panel would be sent copies of the report on the proposed bid to the Home Office for the provision of closed circuit television that is expected to be considered by a special meeting of the Policy and Resources Committee on 4 December 2000. It was also agreed in principle that the Panel would examine the proposals for the submission of the Part 2 (more detailed and technical) bid to the Home Office.

5. PROGRAMMED SERVICE REVIEWS (REPORT D) (MINUTE NO. 11)

The Panel gave preliminary consideration to the services that it might wish to review in the future. It was agreed that consideration of this matter should be deferred until after the training sessions to be held in December and January.

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